Puyallup School District recognizes that highly capable learners and ambitious learners come from diverse cultural and socio-economic backgrounds. We are committed to nurturing the abilities of all students. The District provides programs for rigorous, student-centered learning that affirms diversity and promotes growth for high achieving students.

For more information, contact your neighborhood school counselor.
Honors Classrooms
Grades 7 and 8
Puyallup School District’s Junior High Honors and Pre-AP Classrooms are designed for ambitious learners seeking a classroom where there is rigor and complexity beyond what is found in the regular junior high classroom.

Honors Language Arts and Social Studies
These courses are linked thematically and through skill development. Students will be expected to read and write extensively, and work at a higher level of thinking including analysis, evaluation, and synthesis. Students will be expected to study in more depth the history, geography, economic and political systems in the required grade-level content area.

Honors Math
At grades 7 and 8, students will complete the foundation necessary for Algebra and Geometry. Students will learn about rational numbers, linear functions and equations, proportionality, surface area and volume, probability and data, and key properties of geometric figures. Students should be prepared to learn math concepts and skills at an accelerated rate.

Pre-AP
In each junior high, ninth grade students may take Pre-AP classes in English and Social Studies. These courses are designed to prepare talented and committed students for entry into Advanced Placement.

Expectations
Learners should plan to participate in a rigorous curriculum. Their work should exceed grade-level content standards. This will require a strong work ethic and high level of task completion. Students not meeting performance expectations may be required to develop a Plan for Improvement and demonstrate both desire and ability to achieve in order to remain in the honors classroom.

Options for high achieving students

In an effort to provide a continuum of services for highly capable students and ambitious learners in the Puyallup School District, we offer two specialty programs at the junior high level: Honors/Pre-AP and PAGE.

Honors/Pre-AP
Honors courses (7th and 8th grade) and Pre-AP (9th grade) are offered at each junior high school and registration is open to all students who have met or exceeded standard. The junior high Honors program includes Honors English/Social Studies (interdisciplinary classes) and Honors Mathematics. Pre-AP classes include English and Social Studies. These programs are for ambitious learners and those highly capable learners wishing to attend their neighborhood school. They provide rigor and complexity beyond what is expected in the regular classroom. These courses are distinguished with their own course syllabus and supplemental teacher resources and emphasize higher-level thinking skills.

PAGE
The PAGE program is offered at Kalles Junior High for highly capable seventh, eighth and ninth-grade students who have been recommended by members of the Puyallup School District’s Central Screening Committee. The PAGE Program includes courses with a higher level of rigor, depth, breadth and acceleration than what is possible in the regular classroom. PAGE students will be challenged, with their intellectual peers, in the “core” content areas of:

- English
- Social Studies
- Mathematics
- Science

Specialized curriculum and instruction will feature:

- **Curriculum compacting** - Grade-Level Expectations will be met in a shorter amount of time with material condensed for highly capable learners.
- **Curriculum acceleration** - Students may be able to “test out” of some material, thus moving through the content more quickly.
- **Interdisciplinary curriculum** - Teachers will collaborate and “team” in their planning and instruction.
- **Higher-order thinking skills** - Students will be challenged with rigor and complexity and instruction will be geared toward the higher level of thinking.

PAGE Program
Grades 7-9
The PAGE Program is offered for highly capable junior high students who have been recommended by the district’s Central Screening Committee. Students interested in this program should complete an application by January 10 and will be scheduled for testing shortly thereafter. Applications can be found on the District website at PROGRAMS: HIGHLY CAPABLE: PAGE. The PAGE Program includes courses with a higher level of rigor, depth, breadth and acceleration than what is possible in the regular classroom. PAGE students will be challenged, with their intellectual peers, in the “core” content areas of: